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2016



THE RIVARD REPORT

— IVY R. TAYLOR —
MAYOR



As Mayor of San Antonio, I am proud that our city hosts one of the largest marches in the country commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year, thousands of people join the City of San Antonio in its commemoration to reflect on the lasting impact of Dr. King’s teachings and why it is important that we continue to honor this notable civil rights leader and historical figure.

In 2016, the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Commemoration celebrates its 29th anniversary as a City-sponsored event. In 1987, the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission held the first City of San Antonio-sponsored Martin Luther King, Jr. March. Today, the Commission hosts a series of cultural and educational events that includes youth events, speaking engagements, musical performances, artistic showcases, worship events and many others.

San Antonio has been honored to welcome some notable past guests throughout the years who have participated in the City of San Antonio’s commemoration including Martin Luther King, III; Ilyasah Shabazz; Tim Wise; and Dr. Julianne Malveaux, to name only a few. This year’s commemoration will feature participation by Peggy Wallace Kennedy, Hill Harper, Arthel Neville, Benjamin Crump, Thomas Todd, Dr. Freeman Hrabowski and many others.

Also as part of its celebration and focus on youth, the San Antonio MLK, Jr. Commission administers the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund. More than \$250,000 will be awarded in scholarships this year through the Commission’s Dream Scholar Program and Scholarship Fund to help fund the college tuition of local students, regardless of race or ethnicity.

I personally invite all San Antonio residents and visitors from throughout the country to attend one or more of the many events that are part of the City of San Antonio’s commemoration of Dr. King, including the historic march, on Monday, January 18. This commemoration offers an opportunity of reflection and community building for all of San Antonio!

Ivy R. Taylor

The Honorable Ivy R. Taylor
Mayor of San Antonio

— ALAN E. WARRICK, II —
SAN ANTONIO CITY COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT 2



Dear Participants,

On behalf of the City of San Antonio and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, I am honored to welcome you to the 2016 MLK March. Since its inception, this March has always been a vehicle to promote human equality, the principles of nonviolence, and the understanding and acceptance of racial harmony.

Thousands are inspired to participate each year, which has bolstered San Antonio to become the largest and most diverse Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Program in the nation. This would not be possible without the vision of the late Rev. Dr. Raymond “R.A.” Callies Sr., the original organizer, the City of San Antonio, and many others who blazed the trails we walk today.

Education was very important to Dr. King. He stated that, “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character is the goal of true education.” The MLK March is much more than an annual March, it promotes the MLK Scholarship Fund that plays an integral role in supporting, developing and inspiring our next generation of leaders. I am very proud of the San Antonio MLK Commission for their continued hard work and for raising a record-breaking amount to support the Fund.

We have made this year’s theme as “Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.” The Commission has put together a variety of events and programs that encourage awareness, acceptance and appreciation of the teachings and philosophy of Dr. King and the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement. I hope you are able to participate in these events.

As we plan next year’s 30th MLK March, we welcome a continued dialogue with constructive input to create a sustainable approach to the City of San Antonio’s MLK Commemoration as we prepare to celebrate the city’s Tri-centennial.

Best Regards,

Alan E. Warrick, II
San Antonio City Councilman, District 2

— BRANDON A. LOGAN —
COMMISSION CHAIR



On behalf of the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, it is my honor to officially welcome you to King Week San Antonio! This year’s theme is **“Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.”** The Commission is excited to bring a series of educational and cultural events to the San Antonio community from January 11-18, 2016, culminating with our historic march and commemorative program.

With a key focus on diversity, inclusion and education, I am confident that the Commission’s schedule will usher in a broader audience of community citizens to learn about Dr. King’s life, legacy and teachings on nonviolent social change. Furthermore, through our fundraising efforts and strategic educational partnerships, we are in a position to award more than \$250,000 in college scholarships to a wide-range of deserving local high school students.

As Chairman, it is my moral responsibility to promote human equality, the principles of nonviolence, and the understanding and acceptance of racial harmony. It is my sincere hope that you will lock arms with your brother and sister to march with me in the fight for justice!

Dr. King stood for equality and justice for all of mankind. Regardless of one’s economic class, religious belief or ethnic background, our weeklong events have been designed to serve as a unifying platform for our city. The Commission’s planning goal was to create a programming environment that is conducive for growth and learning for all generations. In order to effectively advance Dr. King’s dream into reality, we must be willing to set aside our philosophical differences and have a focused discussion on core issues such as poverty, racism and violence that currently affect so many communities across our beloved country.

Each year as part of our commemoration, the Commission recognizes individuals who embody and advance the principles and teachings of Dr. King through its Public Awards Program. We are thrilled to continue that tradition this year and honor San Antonians who are **“Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.”**

As Dr. King said, “Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable. Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle; the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals.” With your participation in our King Week San Antonio celebration, we can further the vision of **“Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.”**

Brandon A. Logan
San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Chairman

— LLOYD DOGGET —
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TEXAS



Too many tragic events, including the shooting in Charleston, South Carolina, remind us that more than 50 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act, our country has not yet lived up to its full promise. My colleague Rep. John Lewis, who marched in Selma has said, “I was beaten, my skull was fractured, and I was arrested more than 40 times so each and every one of us can register to vote. Do your part.” In Washington, I am working with Rep. Lewis, to undo the damage inflicted by a misguided Supreme Court that significantly weakened the Voting Rights Act. Change begins with participation – that means marching and it means voting.

Today, our city will assemble as the largest commemorative march in the country to honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King whose life’s work has had a profound impact on our country. In the last speech of his too-brief life, Dr. King urged us to stand up for one another. Rather than asking “If I stand up for him, what will happen to me?” He implored us to be mindful of our shared struggles. I am working with President Obama to ensure more families have access to affordable healthcare and to expand educational opportunities, from Pre-K through college, to ensure all students can live up to their full God-given potential.

So I can ensure your priorities are my priorities, let me hear from you. My office is at 217 W. Travis. MaryEllen, a San Antonio native, heads my office. My constituent services representative is also a San Antonio native and a veteran

eager to assist. If you encounter a problem with a federal agency, like the Social Security Administration, the VA, or the IRS, I am ready to try to help.

I welcome both your prayers and your good counsel regarding any federal matters on which I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Doggett
U.S. House of Representatives, Texas



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Dear 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Citizens of Bexar County and San Antonio,

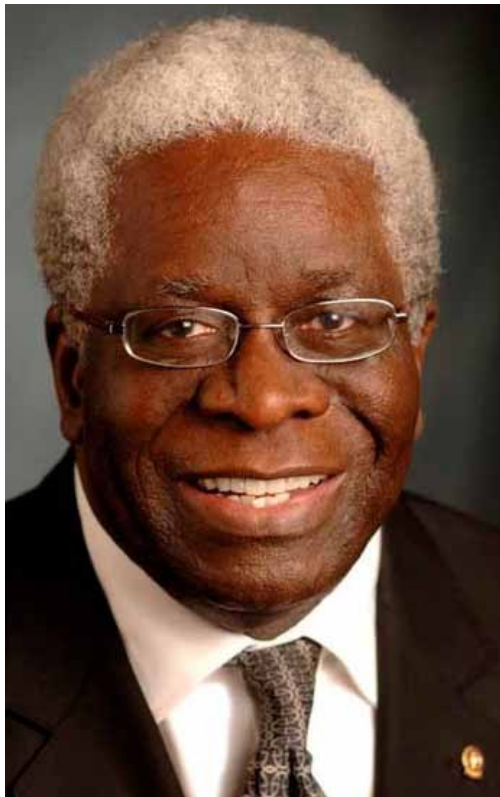
Since the City of San Antonio first sponsored the Martin Luther King, Jr. March in 1987, it has become more than just a tremendous symbol of a city, community and group of united people, but a model for the whole nation to emulate. A special acknowledgement goes to the late Reverend R.A. Callies whose efforts started out as a labor of love and led to what has now become the largest MLK celebration in the United States.

As County Judge, I am mindful of Dr. King’s statement that, “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.” I look forward to the 2016 MLK celebrations and am committed to improving the lives of all the Bexar County residents.

Best wishes for a festive and meaningful 2016 MLK Celebration!

Nelson W. Wolff

— REGGIE WILLIAMS —
HONORARY COMMUNITY CHAIRMAN



Dear San Antonio and Guests,

Welcome to "San Antonio's Martin Luther King March, 2016."

Our San Antonio is rightly known for its warm hospitality, military presence and biomedical science. While all of this helps make San Antonio great, we recognize that the real lasting strength of our community is its diversity.

San Antonio respects its diverse people and the significant contributions that each has made, and is making, to San Antonio's greatness and continued progress.

Nothing symbolizes our respect for each other's heritage and the rights of all people like "San Antonio's Martin Luther King March" which is now recognized as the largest MLK March in the Nation. Your presence demonstrates that you, and the thousands joining you, believe in equal opportunity and justice for all. This is the trademark of our much loved San Antonio.

Thanks for being a part of this great event.

Clarence R. "Reggie" Williams

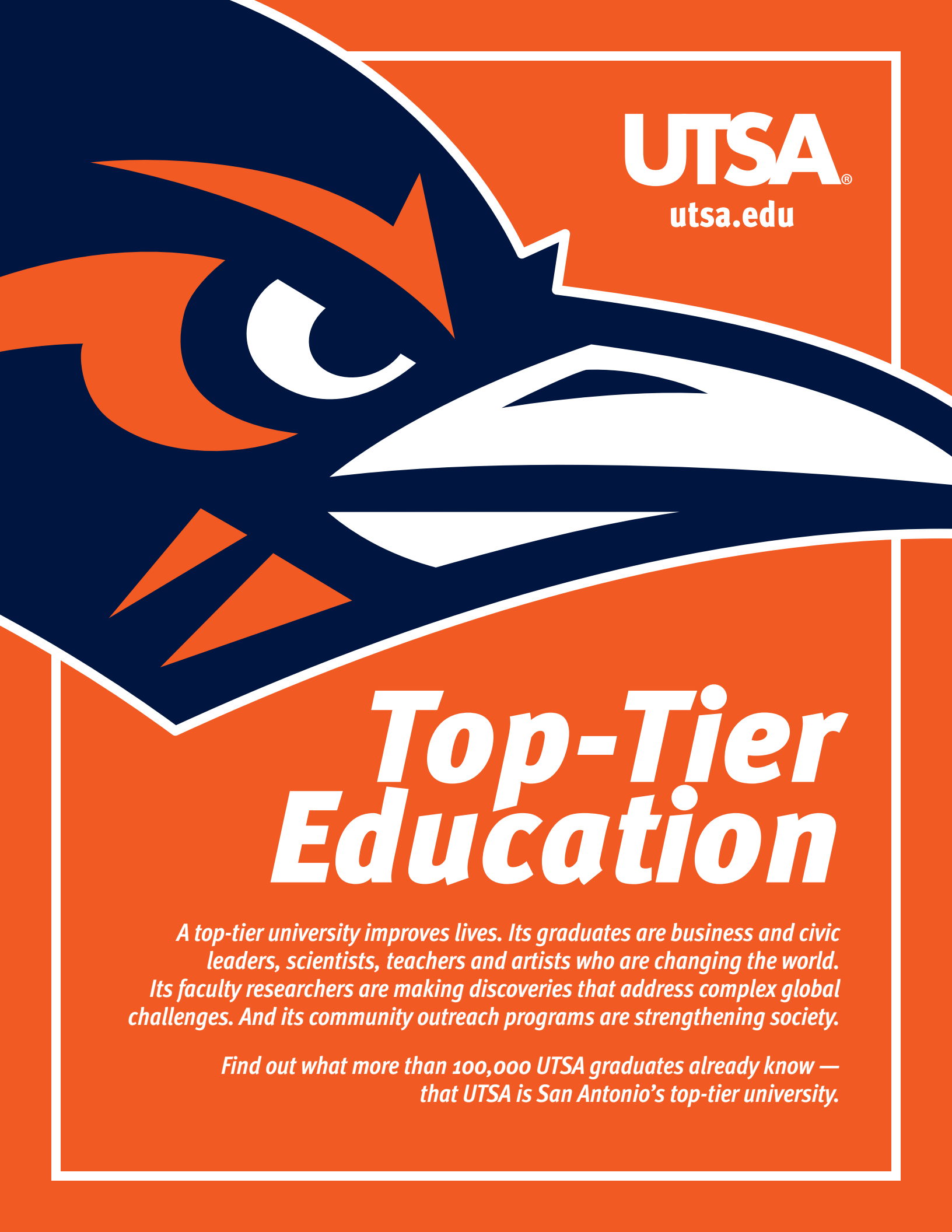


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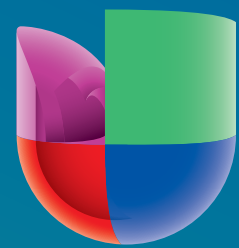
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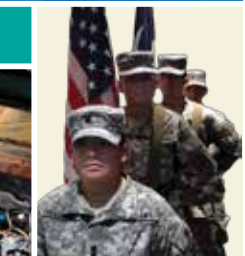


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THE 2016 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION MARKS THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY'S CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. KING. JOIN ONE OF THE LARGEST MARCHES AND COMMEMORATIONS IN THE U.S. AIMED AT HONORING AND CONTINUING DR. KING'S LEGACY.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

Oratorical Contest

1 p.m.

Second Baptist Church, 3310 E. Commerce St.

Presented by the San Antonio National Pan Hellenic Council in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this oratorical contest features junior high and high school students presenting speeches and competing for awards and prizes. For more information, contact Karl Nicholas at NICHOLASKP@aol.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Film Series: "Selma" with Guest Speaker Peggy Wallace Kennedy **6 p.m.**

The Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presents a screening of the 2014 film "Selma," directed by Ava DuVernay and starring Oprah Winfrey and David Oyelowo. The film chronicles Dr. King's campaign for equal voting rights, including the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Immediately following the film screening, Peggy Wallace Kennedy, daughter of former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, will share her personal journey to redemption and her first-hand account of race and politics in the American South. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Free tickets are available at TheCarver.org.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

Nonviolent Social Change Symposium: Poverty, Racism and Violence

7 p.m.

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

The Nonviolent Social Change Symposium provides a unique opportunity for the local community, especially area students, to engage in a timely and thought-provoking forum. The symposium features Fox News Channel anchor, Arthel Neville, as the event moderator and three nationally-renowned panelists covering the topics of poverty, racism and violence: Henry Cisneros (Former HUD Secretary), Dara Silverman (National Coordinator for Showing Up for Racial Justice), and Benjamin Crump (President of the National Bar Association). Free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016

JD Lawrence Presents, "Martin, Malcolm and Me"

7 p.m.

The Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission welcomes nationally-acclaimed writer/director JD Lawrence who presents his stage play, "Martin, Malcolm and Me." The production tells the story of a chance meeting between Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and a young black man whose brother is wrongfully killed by police. "Martin, Malcolm and Me," has been performed in cities across the country. All proceeds benefit the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Tickets may be purchased through the Carver Box Office or Ticketmaster.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016

MLK, Jr. Commemorative Lecture Speaker: Dr. Freeman Hrabowski

7:30 p.m.

Trinity University (Laurie Auditorium), One Trinity Place

Trinity University and the San Antonio MLK Jr. Commission present the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Freeman Hrabowski. Dr. Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) since 1992, was a child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement and was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, "Four Little Girls," on the racially-motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2016

Arts Gala in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the San Antonio Symphony

8 p.m.

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

In honor of Dr. King's birthday, the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission proudly presents this first-time event in partnership with the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts and the San Antonio Symphony, who will perform music from the Civil Rights Movement. The evening will also include the official announcement of the Commission's 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Tickets may be purchased through the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

My City, Our Community Youth Summit

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Philip's College (Watson Fine Arts Center), 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

San Antonio youth will have a unique opportunity to take part in a one-day summit featuring dynamic guest speakers and interactive sessions designed to provoke thought and discussion. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the summit also will feature a special performance by rapper and spoken word poet, J. Ivy — a Grammy-award winner and three-time HBO Def Poet. The keynote speaker is South Carolina State Representative Bakari Sellers, the youngest person ever elected to office, and a current CNN contributor. Complimentary lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Mateen Diop at (210) 858-7212. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

Alpha Educational Foundation 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

9 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Airport, 37 NE Loop 410

The Delta Rho Lambda Chapter's Alpha Educational Fund of SA, Inc. of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosts its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The event will feature a keynote presentation by Congressman Joaquin Castro. For more information or ticket prices, visit deltarholambda.com or call (210) 508-7324.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

Teen Acting Workshop

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Playhouse San Antonio, 800 W. Ashby Place

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presents a workshop for teens featuring writer/director JD Lawrence, creator of the stage play, "Martin, Malcolm and Me." Teens will learn about acting, writing, production and more from industry professionals. Free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club 21st Annual MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration

6 p.m.

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland (Gateway Club), 2150 Kenly Drive

The San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club, as a partner of San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, invites the community to the 21st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration honoring the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. Donation is \$30 for a full course meal, keynote speaker, entertainment and a dance. Dress is semi-formal. The event will feature a prominent guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Retired USAF

Chaplain, Colonel. Tickets must be purchased five days before the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Van Johnson, (210) 364-8317 for tickets and base access.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

**Wreath-Laying Ceremony
2 p.m.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, Intersection of E. Houston and N. New Braunfels
The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission invites the community to the commission’s annual Wreath-laying Ceremony honoring the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. Businesses and organizations will lay wreaths at the MLK, Jr. statue in commemoration. The event also will feature a keynote presentation by Thomas Todd, an activist and civil rights attorney who was the first full-time African American law professor at Northwestern University. Free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

**Citywide Interfaith Worship Service
4 p.m.**

St. Gerard Catholic Church, 1523 Iowa
The 29th Annual Citywide Interfaith Worship Service, presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will feature several invited guest speakers who will present on various topics of faith and the legacy of Dr. King. A keynote speech will be presented by Justice Jason Pulliam. Free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

**Third Annual Gospel Choir Extravaganza
6 p.m.**

True Vision Church, 2826 Ackerman Rd.
The Gospel Choir Extravaganza, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, features various choirs competing for cash and prizes. The event features guest artist Isaac Carree, and proceeds benefit MLK, Jr. Commission Scholarship. Advance tickets - \$15, at the door - \$20. To purchase tickets and for more information, GospelCompete.com or (210) 730-1555.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**MLK, Jr. Pre-March Civil Rights for Kids Experience
8-10 a.m.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive
The MLK, Jr. Pre-March Civil Rights for Kids Experience provides an opportunity for youth of all ages to learn about our nation’s history, discuss current events, and brainstorm how they can make a difference in the community. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the event will include a visual civil rights timeline, writing personal mission statements, creating banners and more. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Charles R. Drew Blood Drive
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center host this annual blood drive. A one-pint blood donation benefits three other recipients. A picture ID is required from all donors. For more information, contact Eddie Chew, 210-725-6506, or K.D. Singleton, (210) 363-7084.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Literacy Caravan
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The San Antonio Library Foundation, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will host this mobile classroom van on-site at the Commemorative Program to provide educational resources for the community. For more information on the literacy caravan, visit SAPLF.org. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Voter Registration
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The Neighborhoods First Alliance, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will provide a voter registration area during the Commemorative Program for residents to register to vote and attain voting information. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Early Morning Worship Program
9:30-11:30 a.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The community is invited to enjoy a positive and uplifting experience during the Early Morning Worship Program. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the event features contemporary and traditional musical artists, inspirational and motivational dances and spoken word performances. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Martin Luther King, Jr. March
Begins at 10 a.m.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive
The annual march, organized and presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the City of San Antonio, begins at the MLK, Jr. Academy and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa. The nearly 3-mile route down Martin Luther King Drive takes participants through San Antonio’s historic East Side in remembrance of Dr. King. In 2015, more than 200,000 people participated in the march as part of an unforgettable experience that has become one of San Antonio’s signature events. For route information or VIA Park & Ride details, visit www.sanantonio.gov/mlk.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**Commemorative Program
Noon-1:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission’s Commemorative program is one of the highlights of King Week San Antonio and of the annual commemoration honoring Dr. King. The program will feature a keynote address by actor and author Hill Harper, a performance by Stellar Award-winning Gospel artist Isaac Carree, and Jeremy Green, a classically-trained violinist and San Antonio native. The Baha’i Unity of Humanity Award and the Rev. R.A. Callies Courage Award will also be presented. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016

**King Week Concert
1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
The newest addition to San Antonio’s annual commemoration of Dr. King is the King Week Concert serving as the finale to King Week 2016. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this high-energy concert, immediately following the Commemorative Program, will unify different genres of music performed by local and national artists celebrating the influence music has had on social change. Free and open to the public.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2016

**Dream Major Gala
6:30-11:30 p.m.**

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa
Omni Hotel San Antonio at the Colonnade, 821 Colonnade Boulevard
In commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Pi Theta Lambda Chapter, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, presents the 3rd Annual DREAM MAJOR © Gala to benefit the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. Keynote speaker for the event will be Justice Jason Pulliam, Fourth Court of Appeals, in San Antonio. The formal evening will also feature the Esprit de Martin Dinner and live

entertainment. For more information, visit Dream-Major.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: Icon Talks Presents An Evening of Music & Conversation with Chaka Khan
8 p.m.**

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

Icon Talks and its charitable counterpart, Icon to Ican (in conjunction with the San Antonio MLK, Jr. Commission), features this monumental event. Ten-time Grammy-winning music artist, author and producer, Chaka Khan, articulates the message of “success to significance.” Khan will share her journey of rising to prominence and celebrity as one of the most iconic artists of all time. Khan further will address the intimate audience by explaining her recognized core keys to success and highlighting monumental differences between success and significance. The event also includes a private concert for attendees. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit Icon Talks’ charitable counterpart, Icon to Ican, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in San Antonio. Tickets may be purchased through the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: LeVar Burton
11 a.m.**

St. Philip’s College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

St. Philip’s College, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, presents a conversation with LeVar Burton, award-winning actor, director, producer and author. Burton is best known for his role in “Roots” and as the host and executive producer of the long-running PBS children’s series, “Reading Rainbow.” Free and open to the public.

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“LET FREEDOM RING” BY AMBER MEDINA

In 2015 the City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission hosted its inaugural artwork contest for the selection of the official artwork for the 2016 citywide commemoration. The winning piece, “Let Freedom Ring,” by Amber Medina is used as the visual representation of the 2016 theme: “King Week San Antonio: Uniting Communities to Advance Humanity.” Medina is a 14-year-old student at the Healy-Murphy Center in San Antonio.

“IN A WORLD OF CHAOS AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE, IN A WORLD OF INEQUALITIES WHERE NOT ALL LIVES MATTER, MY ART TITLED ‘LET FREEDOM RING,’ IS A CALL TO ALL TO BE ON FIRE FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL,” — AMBER MEDINA

MEDINA WAS SELECTED BY A PANEL OF COMMUNITY JUDGES THAT INCLUDED:

BRANDON LOGAN

CHAIR OF THE SAN ANTONIO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMISSION

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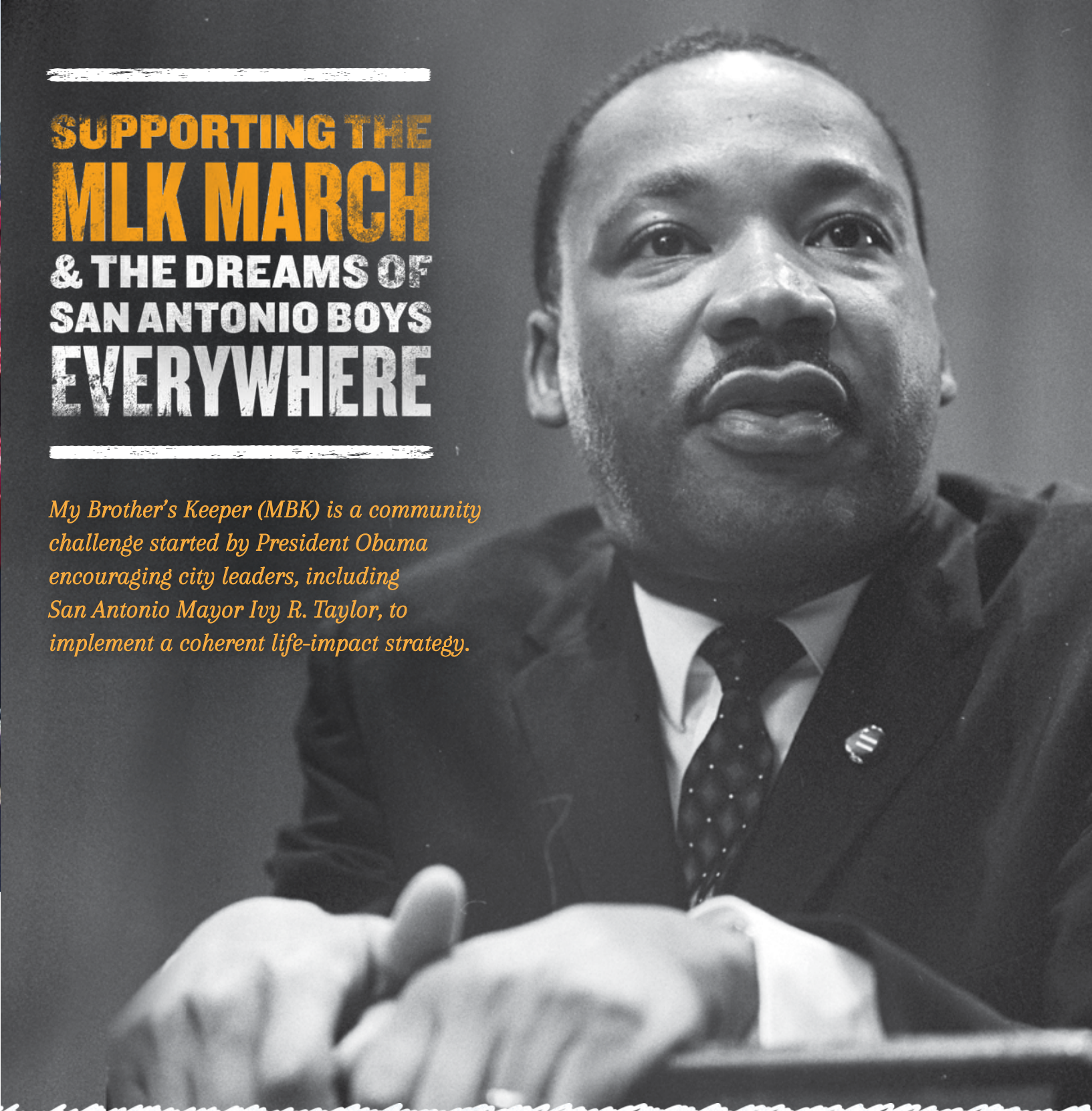
My Brother's Keeper (MBK) is a community challenge started by President Obama encouraging city leaders, including San Antonio Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, to implement a coherent life-impact strategy.

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2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS — PEGGY WALLACE KENNEDY —

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMISSION FILM SERIES: "SELMA"
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016



Born into one of the most powerful and controversial families in the history of the State of Alabama and the South, Peggy Wallace Kennedy now stands apart from her past as one of America's most important voices for peace and reconciliation.

From her childhood years of living behind the gates of the Alabama Governor's Mansion as her father, Governor George C. Wallace became an international figure for his "stand in the schoolhouse door," Peggy Wallace Kennedy's personal journey to redemption captures the hearts of those that hear her voice.

In speaking to members of Congress at the nation's Capital in the aftermath of the tragic murders of African Americans at the St. Emanuel Church in Charleston, South Carolina, she said: "Honoring the victims of a senseless act should be more than a public outcry. It should lead us to higher ground, to a commitment to lay our personal politics aside and rise to the greater call of liberty. For America is at her best when she embraces all of us, protects the least of us and offers her bounty of hope to not just some of us. We must be willing to lower the confederate flags of America that no longer promote the grandeur of the past, but rather the notion that equality means nothing for millions who live on the outskirts of freedom and justice for all."

Peggy's heartfelt story and her journey to higher ground strikes a chord in those that hear her speak. In the tradition of southern storytelling, Peggy weaves her

braided themes through sharing moments from her own personal life and the challenges she faced in her journey to create a new and different legacy for herself and her two sons.

Peggy Wallace Kennedy inspires others to walk to higher ground that comes with believing in yourself. She demonstrates best the notion that none of us can be responsible for the circumstances of our birth, but all of us will be held accountable for who we will become. She teaches that while few of us will have monuments built for us after we are gone, all of us can do monumental things each day to change the course of our lives and the lives of others.

Peggy attended Mississippi State College for Women and Troy University. She is a former public school teacher. She has two sons, US Army Captain Leigh Kennedy, a decorated veteran of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and Burns Kennedy, a graduate of the University of Alabama and now pursuing his love of history as an Archivist. Peggy has been married for forty-one years to Justice H. Mark Kennedy, a judge for over two decades including two terms as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS — HENRY CISNEROS —

NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE SYMPOSIUM: POVERTY, RACISM AND VIOLENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016

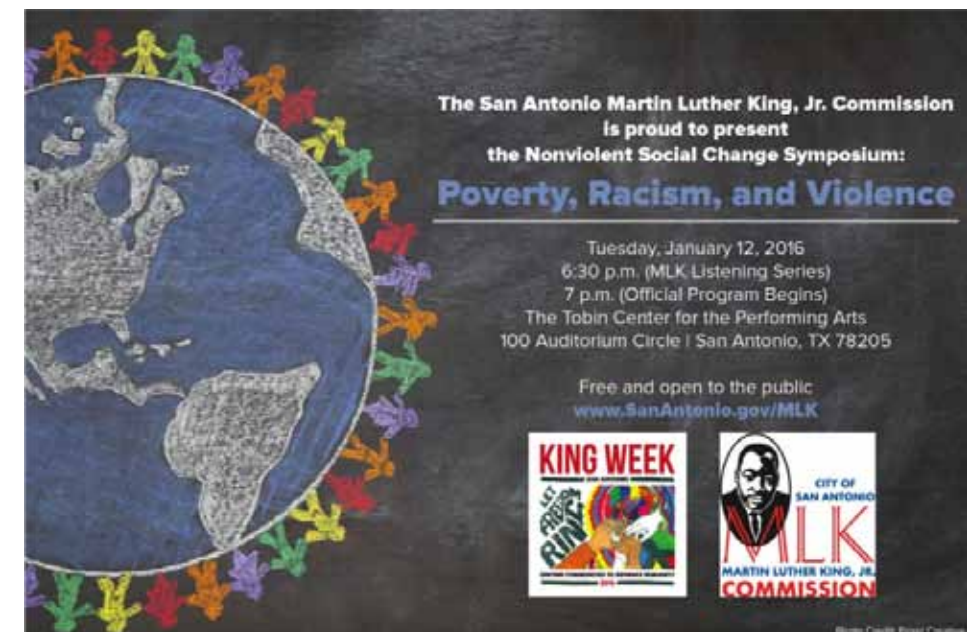


In 1981, Henry Cisneros became the first Hispanic-American mayor of a major U.S. city, San Antonio, Texas. He was subsequently elected to four terms. In 1992, President Clinton appointed Cisneros to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

After leaving HUD in 1997, Cisneros became President and COO of Univision Communications, the Spanish-language broadcaster which has become the fifth-most-watched television network in the nation. Cisneros currently serves on Univision's Board of Directors. He has served as President of the National League of Cities and as Deputy Chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. He is currently a member of the Advisory Boards of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Broad Foundation and was honored by the National Housing Conference as the "Housing Person of the Year".

Currently, he serves as Founder and Chairman of CityView. Cisneros sits on each of CityView's Investment Committees.

He is a graduate of Texas A&M with a Masters from the Kennedy School at Harvard and a Doctorate from George Washington University.



2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

— BENJAMIN CRUMP —

NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE SYMPOSIUM: POVERTY, RACISM AND VIOLENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016



Through his legal prowess and advocacy in the Trayvon Martin case, the Martin Lee Anderson Boot Camp case, and the Robbie Tolan US Supreme Court Case, Attorney Benjamin Crump has created a significant legal legacy that ensures that the promise found in our nation's constitution is indeed real in every state, municipality and neighborhood. His legal acumen as both litigator and advocate has ensured that those most frequently marginalized are protected by their nation's contract with its constituency. The conspectus of his constitutional battles at both the local, state, and federal levels will be the textbook most frequently referenced by this and future generations of civil rights law in regard to the fundamental protections of our constitutional freedoms.

Crump has been recognized as one of The National Trial Lawyers Top 100 Lawyers, Ebony Magazine Power 100 Most Influential African Americans, and bestowed such covenant as the NAACP Thurgood Marshall Award, the SCLC Martin Luther King Servant Leader Award, the National Urban League's Whitney Young Award, and the AKA's Eleanor Roosevelt Award. In spite of his immense professional responsibilities, Crump still finds time to serve his local community. He readily shares his professional and personal talents with local, statewide and national causes and charities. Crump is President and co-founder of MyDad360, a mentoring program for fathers that has been acknowledged by President Obama's My Brother's Keeper Initiative and endorsed by Retired General Colin Powell. On July 23, 2015, Crump became the 73rd President of the National Bar Association, the largest organization of lawyers of color in the world, representing over 60,000 Black lawyers, judges, and legal professionals.

Over the years Crump has dedicated his areas of practice in serious personal injury, wrongful death, and civil rights matters. Throughout his career he has handled civil litigation matters in state and federal courts throughout the Country. He was the first African-American President of the Federal Bar Association for the Northern District of Florida, first African-American Chairman of the Florida State University College of Law Board of Directors, and the first African-American Chair of the Tallahassee Utility Commission.

Crump is a frequent speaker and author, which includes his critically acclaimed article, "The Police Don't Shoot White Man in the Back; Representing Minorities in Police Brutality Cases." His work has been featured in documentaries such as BET's "I am Trayvon Martin: A Family's fight for Justice," NPR's "How Lawyer Got America Talking About Trayvon Martin," "Beating Justice: The Martin Lee Anderson Story," and the soon to be released, "The Ferguson Cover-Up, the Tragedy Killing of Michael Brown."

He is married to Dr. Genae Angelique Crump, guardian of two adopted cousins, Marcus and Chancellor Crump, and proud father of Brooklyn Zeta Crump.

2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

— DARA SILVERMAN —

NONVIOLENT SOCIAL CHANGE SYMPOSIUM: POVERTY, RACISM AND VIOLENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016



Dara Silverman is a consultant, organizer and trainer who has been building movements for economic, racial, gender and social justice for over 20 years.

She is the National Coordinator for SURJ: Showing Up for Racial Justice, a network with over 100 chapters and affiliates across the United States moving white people into action for racial justice. SURJ works to connect people across the country while supporting and collaborating with local and national racial justice organizing efforts. SURJ is expanding the base of white people who can work in powerful and respectful partnerships with people of color and building a broad-based multi racial progressive movement for racial, social, environmental and economic justice.

Silverman was the Executive Director of Jews for Racial and Economic Justice (JFREJ) in New York City from 2003 - 2009. This organization works for racial and economic justice in New York City by advancing systemic changes that result in concrete improvements in people's everyday lives.

Her work has been published or featured in the New York Times, Tikkun, Zeek, Curve, and the San Francisco Bay Guardian. She contributed a chapter on immigration to the anthology, Righteous Indignation: A Jewish Call for Justice and co-created The Love and Justice in Times of War Haggadah.

Dara has extensive experience developing and planning campaigns, and supporting new, emerging and experienced organizers.

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2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

— DR. FREEMAN HRABOWSKI —

MLK, JR. COMMEMORATIVE LECTURE AT TRINITY UNIVERSITY
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016



Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, has served as President of UMBC (The University of Maryland, Baltimore County) since 1992. His research and publications focus on science and math education, with special emphasis on minority participation and performance. He chaired the National Academies' committee that produced the recent report, *Expanding Underrepresented Minority Participation: America's Science and Technology Talent at the Crossroads*. He also was recently named by President Obama to chair the newly created President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

In 2008, he was named one of America's Best Leaders by U.S. News & World Report. TIME magazine named him one of America's 10 Best College Presidents in 2009, and one of the "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2012. In 2011, he received both the TIAA-CREF Theodore M. Hesburgh Award for Leadership Excellence and the Carnegie Corporation of New York's Academic Leadership Award, recognized by many as the nation's highest awards among higher education leaders. Also in 2011, he was named one of seven Top American Leaders by The Washington Post and the Harvard Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. In 2012, he received the Heinz Award for his contributions to improving the "Human Condition" and was among the inaugural inductees into the U.S. News & World Report STEM Solutions Leadership Hall of Fame.

With philanthropist Robert Meyerhoff, he co-founded the Meyerhoff Scholars Program in 1988. The program is open to all high-achieving students committed to pursuing advanced degrees and research careers in science and engineering, and advancing underrepresented minorities in these fields. The program is recognized as a national model, and based on program outcomes, Hrabowski has authored numerous articles and co-authored two books, *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds* (Oxford University Press), focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American males and females in science. His most recent book, *Holding Fast to Dreams: Empowering Youth from the Civil Rights Crusade to STEM Achievement* (Beacon Press, 2015), describes the events and experiences that played a central role in his development as an educator and leader.

A child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement, Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, *Four Little Girls*, on the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Born in 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama, Hrabowski graduated from Hampton Institute with highest honors in mathematics. He received his M.A. (mathematics) and Ph.D. (higher education administration/statistics) from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

— BAKARI SELLERS —

MY CITY, OUR COMMUNITY YOUTH SUMMIT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016



Bakari Sellers made history in 2006 when, at just 22 years old, he defeated a 26-year incumbent State Representative to become the youngest member of the South Carolina state legislature and the youngest African American elected official in the nation.

Earning his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College, where he served as student body president, and his law degree from the University of South Carolina, Sellers has followed in the footsteps of his father, civil rights leader Cleveland Sellers, in his tireless commitment to service taking championing progressive policies to address issues ranging from education and poverty to preventing domestic violence and childhood obesity.

His impressive list accomplishment in addition to having served on President Barack Obama's South Carolina steering committee during the 2008 election, Sellers is widely considered to be a rising star within the Democratic Party and leading voice for his generation. That coupled with his uncommon ability to reach across the aisle and get things done has led to numerous accolades including being named to TIME Magazine's 40 Under 40 in 2010 as well as 2014's "The Root 100" list of the nation's most influential African-Americans and has provided commentary and analysis to CNN and MSNBC including multiple appearances on *Hardball* with Chris Matthews and *Morning Joe*.

He has served as a featured speaker at events for the National Education Association, College Democrats of America National Convention, the 2008 Democratic National Convention and, in 2007, delivered the opening keynote address to the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC.

Sellers practices law with the Strom Law Firm, LLC in Columbia, SC.

Sellers is a CNN contributor and is married to Ellen Rucker.

2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS
— THOMAS N. TODD —

WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016



Activist attorney widely known as “TNT” for his oratorical skills, Thomas N. Todd was born on September 24, 1938, in Demopolis, Alabama. His father died shortly thereafter, so his mother, and eventually a stepfather, raised Thomas in Mobile, Alabama. The family was poor, but Thomas, a large youth with a rich voice, nevertheless became a leader in school activities. He graduated early from Central High School in Mobile in 1955 and started that same year at Southern University at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Although he considered dropping out of college after his mother died in 1958, he remained enrolled and received a B.A. degree in political science in 1959. Todd continued through Southern University’s School of Law graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1963. Todd served as a lawyer in the United States Army from 1964 to 1967 and joined the staff of the United States Attorney’s Office in Chicago in 1967. In this capacity, Todd made history when he developed the first criminal case against a Chicago policeman for deprivation of an individuals’ civil rights in 1968. Todd organized and established the first Civil Rights Office in a local United States Attorney’s Office in the United States in 1969. The United States v. Gorman, the first federal criminal case against a Chicago police officer ended in a hung jury in 1971.

Todd was the first full time black law professor at Northwestern University where he taught from 1970 to 1974. Todd has been admitted to practice law before many courts including the Louisiana Supreme Court, the United States Court of Military Appeals, the Illinois Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court.

A powerful spokesman for civil rights, Todd was president of the Chicago chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1971 and president of Operation PUSH from 1983 -1984. During the Harold Washington mayoral campaigns of 1983 and 1987, Todd’s oratory was often used to “warm up” the crowd prior to Washington’s arrival. Semi-retired and the recipient of over 500 awards and honorary degrees, Todd is one of the most electrifying commencement speakers on black college campuses. He and his wife, Janis, and two daughters live in Chicago.

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016 – 2:00 P.M.
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Welcome	Harold Moore - Wreath-Laying Committee CO-Chair
Invocation	Stephanie Anderson – Trichologist, Trinity Lace Wigs
Presentation of The Colors	Bexar County Buffalo Soldiers
National Anthem	Jennifer Powell – New Creation Christian Church
Negro National Anthem	Daniel Salone – Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
	(Accompanied By The Community – Please Sing Along)
Proclamation State of Texas	Senator José Menéndez
In Memoriam Rev. R. A. Callies, Sr	Callies Family
Muscial Selection	Johnny Saxx
Introduction of Speaker	Kayla Wilson
Speaker	Thomas N. Todd “TNT” - Lawyer Activist

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Muscial Selection	Christopher Spivey And The “Voices Of The Mount”
	Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
Remarks and Benediction	District 2 Councilman Alan E. Warrick, II
	Brandon Logan - MLK Commission Chair
	Harold And Mary Moore - Wreath-Laying Committee Co-Chairs

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2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS
— JUSTICE JASON PULLIAM —
CITYWIDE INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

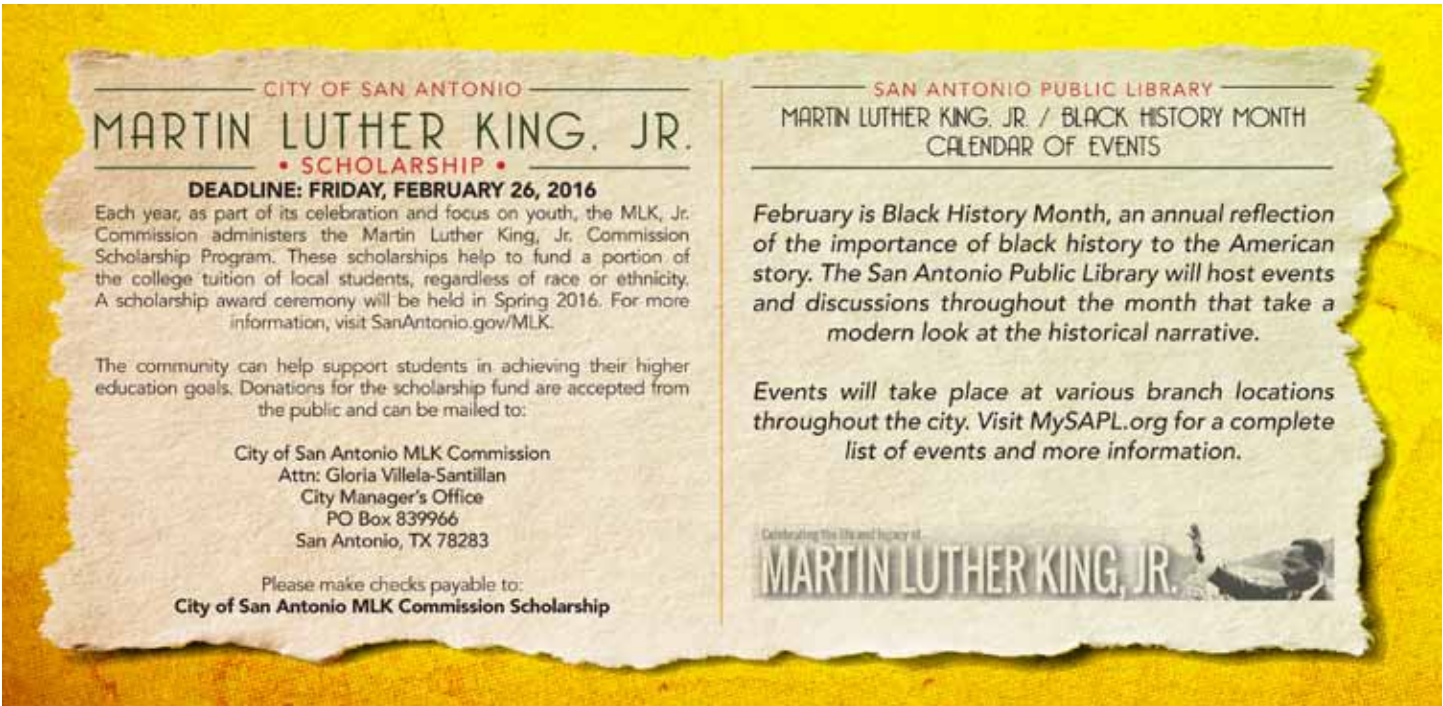


Justice Jason Pulliam serves on the Fourth Court of Appeals in San Antonio, Texas. Governor Rick Perry appointed Justice Pulliam to the Fourth Court on January 8, 2015. Prior to serving on the court of appeals, Justice Pulliam was Judge of Bexar County, County Court at Law No. 5 from 2010-2014.

As Judge of County Court at Law No. 5, Justice Pulliam handled criminal cases such as Driving While Intoxicated, Assault, Theft, Possession of Marijuana, and other violations of the Texas Penal Code. Justice Pulliam also presided over civil cases with a maximum jurisdictional limit of \$200,000. Justice Pulliam made County Court No.5 available to hear matters from the Civil District Court Presiding system to assist the District Court Judges with cases.

Prior to his service on the bench, Justice Pulliam worked for William “Bill” Ford at the law firms of Ball & Weed, P.C. and Ford & Massey, P.C. Justice Pulliam also served as a JAG or military lawyer in the United States Marine Corps from 2000-2004. In 2002, he was the recipient of the Eastern Region Defense Counsel of the Year award.

Justice Pulliam graduated from Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law with honors. He served as a senior staff member on the school’s law review. He earned a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science from Brooklyn College.



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Opening Hymn	San Antonio Archdiocesan Choir (Rick McLaughlin, Director)
Litany of Celebration	Dominique Preyor-Johnson (Mt. Zion First Baptist Church)
<i>(Please stand)</i>	
<i>L: Today, we come to remember a great humanitarian and man of faith — the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	
<i>All: It is good to remember and celebrate the legacy of his love. May our faith lead us to always practice love and respect for all humanity and seek the higher ground of compassion and reconciliation.</i>	
<i>L: The Dream is alive for those who pursue peace and selflessness for the sake of human dignity and spiritual well being.</i>	
<i>All: We remember the power of faith today and the power that faith can bring to those who seek Truth, Justice, and Righteousness in their daily lives. Faith is always above fear, and we shall pursue that Faith within us to ensure we are no longer hostages of darkness and ignorance. We endeavor to keep the Dream alive. This is our commitment so others may yet be free in Faith, Hope, and Love. Amen!</i>	
Invocation	Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller (Archdiocese of San Antonio)
Praise Dance	Praise Cathedral COGIC (Dawn Sance, Director)
Blowing of the Shofar (Ram’s Horn)	Daniel Klein (Ba’al Tehiah, Temple Beth-El)
A Prayer of Understanding	Imam Omar Shakir (Imam, Masjid Balal)
MLK Commission Greetings	Dr. John Abdo, MLK Interfaith Worship Service Committee Chair Brandon A. Logan, MLK Commission Chair
Buddhist Chant	Minako Shibazaki (SGI USA)
Prayer for our Nation	Rev. Leslie Hollon (Pastor, Trinity Baptist Church)
Sikh Chant	Hardeep Singh Raina (Sikh Dhramsai)
Guest Speaker	Justice Jason Pulliam (Justice, Fourth Court of Appeals)
Invocation	Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller (Archdiocese of San Antonio)
Reflection	Allee Wallace (Second Baptist Church)
The Offering	Rev. Dr. Dick Cheatham (University United Methodist Church)
The Offertory	San Antonio Archdiocesan Choir (Rick McLaughlin, Director) Proceeds to Benefit the MLK Scholarship Fund
Reflection	Arathi School of Indian Dance (Asha Joseph, Choreographer)
We Are the People	MLK Choir
A Prayer for Peace	Rabbi David Komerofsky (Rabbi, Temple Chai)
Closing Song	All (“We Shall Overcome”)
Benediction	Rev. Robert Jemerson (Pastor, Second Baptist Church)
Recessional	Cantor Julie Berlin (Oseh Shalom, Temple Beth-El)

2016 FEATURED GUEST SPEAKERS

— HILL HARPER —

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2016



Hill Harper is an award-winning actor, best-selling author and philanthropist. Harper starred on the CBS TV drama, CSI:NY from 2004-2013. He most recently starred on USA Network's Covert Affairs and returned to CBS as Agent Boyle in the new drama, Limitless. He can also be seen co-starring alongside Will Smith in Sony Pictures release of Concussion.

Harper is the author of four New York Times best-sellers and has earned seven NAACP Image Awards for his writing and acting. Harper is the founder of the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation, dedicated to empowering underserved youth through mentorship, scholarship and grant programs.

Harper graduated magna cum laude as valedictorian of his department with a bachelor's degree from Brown University and cum laude with a Juris Doctorate degree from Harvard Law School. He also holds a master's degree with honors from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and has Honorary Doctoral Degrees from Winston-Salem State University, Cheyney University, Westfield State College, Tougaloo College, Dillard University, LeMoyne-Owen College and Howard University. Harper travels frequently as a motivational speaker, addressing a wide-range of audiences, including youth, adults, couples and business leaders.



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